

I am once more writing concerning Bills 12 and 30, which are being heard on April 25<sup>th</sup>. As a concerned horse owner, I want to thank you all for supporting these bills as they rectify an oversight in Bill 44, passed previously. I applaud your efforts to keep the emotions that run high out of the deliberations.

I do want to address the issue concerning pasture and turnouts for horses, as it is unclear. In the new amendment, it states that:

*"Horse-boarding and stabling" means the raising, breeding, sheltering, care, feeding, and riding of horses as a revenue-generating business. Acreage, not to exceed one acre of land per permanent horse, on which horses are boarded, cared for, fed and ridden for intended revenue shall be deemed utilized for horse boarding and stabling and eligible for dedication under this section."*

I am assuming that turnout and pasture is included in the 'cared for' language as it is extremely important that horses have the access for turnout. If that is not what is intended, then it really ought to be. My horse requires turnout in order to stay safe and content. The reason the language causes me concern is due to this excerpt from a letter to the Budget Committee dated April 3<sup>rd</sup> from Michael R. Hansen that opposes the use of AG2 land to be dedicated for use as pasture and grazing for horses. It states:

*"We are opposed to the removal of the phrase "Only Ag-I and P-2 zoned properties may be dedicated for a pasture use or grazing of animals."*

And:

*"Additionally, rather than removing the phrase, "Only AG-I and P-2 zoned properties may be dedicated for a pasture use or grazing of animals," we proposed that the existing dedications (renewable) within non-AG-I and non-P-2 zoning continue, but new dedications for pasture use or grazing that are not zoned AG-I or P-2 be prohibited."*

I am not sure I understand why AG-2 land should be excluded, as long as the business is meeting the criteria stated in the first quoted paragraph referenced above.

Thank you again for your continued support for these bills. I know there are still a lot of horse owners who are not even aware of this situation, and I have been trying to bring attention to this issue when and where I can.

Mahalo for your time.

Sincerely,

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